



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Regular & General Plan Hearing

Commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

First Floor, City Hall Wing
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California

Peter Allen, Chair

Shiloh Ballard, Vice Chair

Melanie Griswold John Leyba

Michelle Yesney Namrata Vora

Rosalynn Hughey, Director

Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

NOTE

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SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

If you want to address the Commission, please fill out a speaker card located on the table near the Audio Visual Technician and deposit the completed card in the basket. There are also speaker cards in the back of the Chambers and at the side entrance.

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The chair will call out names on the submitted speaker cards in the order received.
- As your name is called, line up in front of the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Commission's action on re-zonings, pre-zonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items. Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on re-zonings and pre-zonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and a binder of all staff reports have been placed on the table near the door for your convenience.

AGENDA

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WELCOME

Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. Please remember to turn off your cell phones. The parking validation machine for the garage under City Hall is located at the rear of the Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments to the Planning Commission on non-agendized items. Please fill out a speaker's card and give it to the technician. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

3. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral or removal. A list of staff-recommended deferrals is available on the Press Table.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral and removal is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring or removing these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

No Items

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please come to the podium at this time.

No Items

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

No Items

6. CONTINUED GENERAL PLAN HEARING FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2018

7. GENERAL PLAN CONSENT CALENDAR

No Items

8. GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

- a. [GP17-010, GPT17-002, & PP15-102.](#) Actions related to Downtown Strategy 2040. The proposed Downtown Strategy 2040 generally includes the areas bounded by Taylor Street to the north, San José State University and City Hall to the east, Interstate 280 to the south, and the Diridon Station Area to the west. The proposed Downtown Strategy 2040 and related City-initiated General Plan Amendments would increase development capacity for residential and employment in the Downtown, establish an Employment Priority Area Overlay, change certain land use designations, and expand the Downtown boundary. CEQA: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Downtown Strategy 2040.

PROJECT MANAGER, DARRYL BOYD, JARED HART, AND JENNY NUSBAUM

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution certifying the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown Strategy 2040 and making certain findings concerning significant impacts, mitigation measures, alternatives, and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, all in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended; and

2. Adopt a resolution amending the Envision San José 2040 General Plan to:
 - a. Amend Appendix 5 (Planned Job Capacity and Housing Growth Areas by Horizon table) of the General Plan to increase the development capacity within the Downtown boundary through the transfer of 4,000 dwelling units and 10,000 jobs (approximately 3 million square feet) from other General Plan Growth Areas to Downtown;
 - b. Establish a General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram Employment Priority Area Overlay to support Downtown San José's growth as a Regional Employment Center that will be applied to all parcels located within the overlay (within approximately one block of the future central Downtown BART Station generally including properties bounded by St. John Street to the north, 4th Street to the east, San Fernando Street to the south, and San Pedro Street to the west);
 - c. Change the General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram land use designation from Combined Industrial/Commercial, on approximately 10 acres, to Downtown on approximately seven (7) acres and to Commercial Downtown on approximately three (3) acres on an approximately 10-gross-acre site located at the intersection of Ryland Street and Santa Teresa Street between SR-87 and the Guadalupe River;
 - d. Amend the Planned Growth Areas Diagram to expand the General Plan Downtown Growth Area boundary along the east side of North 4th Street between St. John and Julian Streets and remove the Downtown Transit Employment Center;
 - e. Amend and clarify Vibration Policy EC-2.3 on types of sensitive historic structures, frequency of vibration, and minimum required distances for some types of construction equipment operations; and
 - f. Make text revisions related to the description of the Downtown Growth Boundary and transitions for projects located adjacent to existing neighborhoods planned for lower intensity development and other minor technical changes or clarifications.
3. Adopt a resolution to replace the existing San Jose Downtown Strategy 2000 adopted by the City Council in 2005 with a new Downtown Strategy 2040.

9. CONTINUE THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING TO DECEMBER 5, 2018

10. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

11. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from City Council
- b. Review and Approve Action Minutes from [11/14/18](#)
- c. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
- d. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
- e. The Public Record

12. ADJOURNMENT

2018 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
January 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
February 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
February 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 7	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> : Regular	Council Chambers
March 21	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
April 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
April 25	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> : Regular	Council Chambers
May 2	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
May 9	5:00 p.m.	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Council Chambers</i>
<i>2018/2019 Capital Budget & 2019/2023 Capital Improvement Program</i>			
<i>Planning Commission Staff Report Reformat</i>			
May 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
May 23	5:30 p.m.	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Tower Room T-332</i>
<i>Planning Commission Staff Report Reformat</i>			
May 23	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
June 8	9:00 a.m.	<i>Special Meeting</i>	<i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library - 2nd Floor Room 225 150 East San Fernando St.</i>
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
June 27	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> : Regular	Council Chambers
July 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Tower Room T-1734
July 25	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Tower Room T-1734
August 8	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> : Regular	Council Chambers
August 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
September 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
September 26	5:00 p.m.	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Tower Room T-332</i>
<i>General Plan Annual Performance Review</i>			
September 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
October 10	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> : Regular	Council Chambers
October 12	8:00 a.m.	<i>Planning Commission Retreat</i>	<i>Tower Room T-1254</i>
October 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
November 7	5:00 p.m.	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Tower Room T-332</i>
<i>Downtown Design Guidelines</i>			
November 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
November 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
November 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
December 5	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
December 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers

ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION

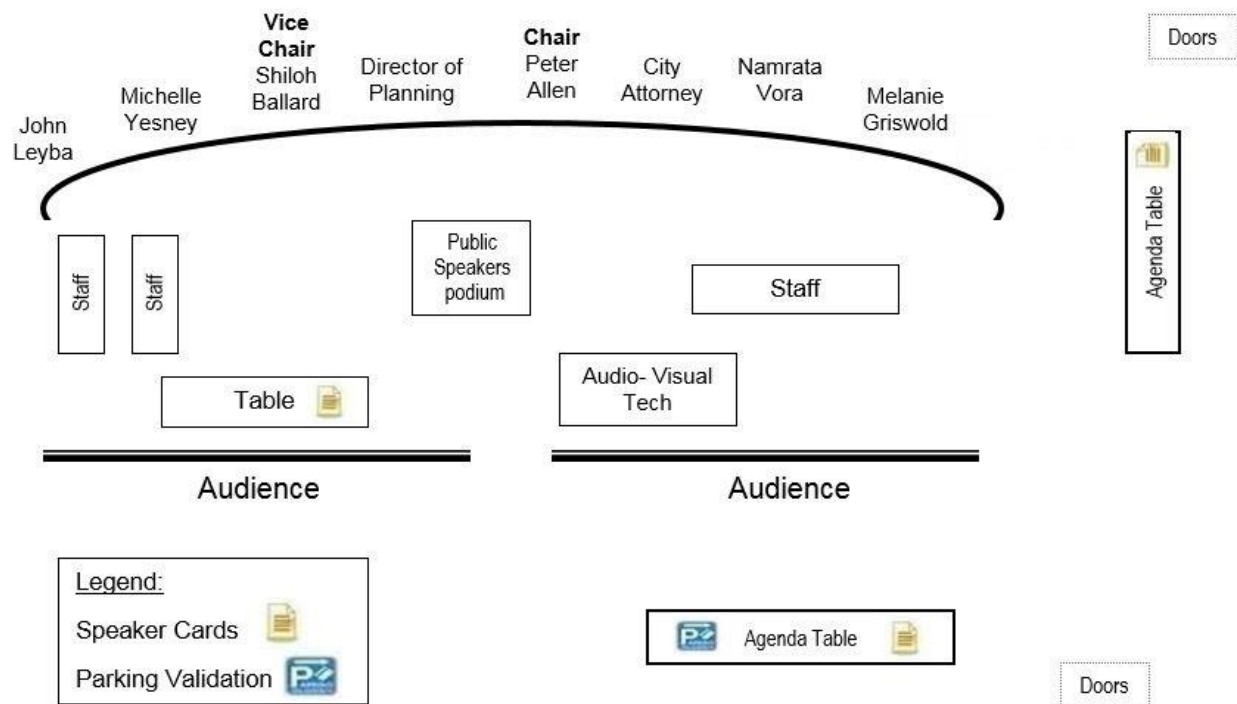
The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is “Quasi-Legislative” in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.
- The second type of action is “Quasi-Judicial” in nature in which the Planning Commission applies previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits, appeals of the Planning Director’s decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of “Administrative Hearing” for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

Seating Chart within the City Council Chambers:



The San José Planning Commission generally meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agendas and Staff Reports for Planning Commission items may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1764>

The City of San José is committed to open and honest government and strives to consistently meet the community's expectations by providing excellent service, in a positive and timely manner, and in the full view of the public. The City Code of Ethics may be viewed on-line at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3818>

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Planning Commission hearings are video recorded and broadcasted live. To view the live broadcast or past hearing recordings go to the Internet website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=3431>

If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-7721 or email jennifer.provedor@sanjoseca.gov. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CP	Conditional Use Permit
DA	Development Agreement
PD	Planned Development Permit
PDC	Planned Development Zoning

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
 - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
 - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:
- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
 - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
 - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
 - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
 - f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.